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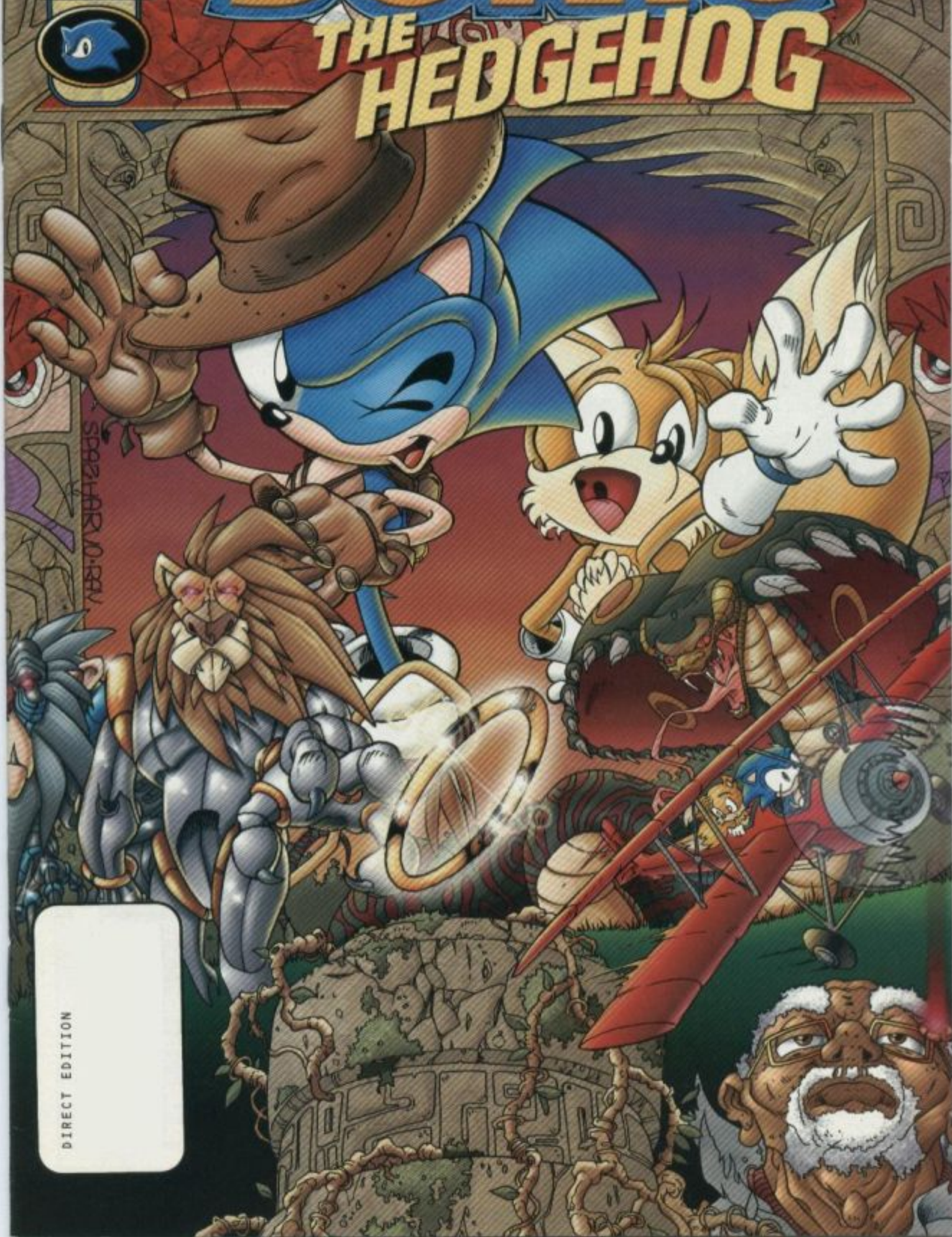
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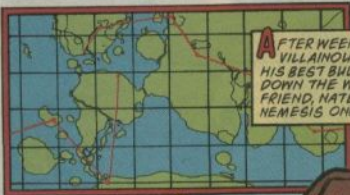
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THE HEDGEHOG



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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO Banded TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



AFTER WEEKS OF SCOURING PLANET MOBIUS FOR THE VILLAINOUS IXIS NAUGUS, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS BEST BUDDY, TAILS, HAD AT LONG LAST TRACKED DOWN THE WIZARD. WITH HELP FROM THEIR NEW FRIEND, NATE MORGAN, THEY DEFEATED THEIR ARCH NEMESIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

NOW OUR INTREPID HEROES MAKE THEIR TREK HOMEWARD TO MOBOTROPOLIS...

...BUT BEFORE THEY DO THERE IS ONE FINAL TASK THAT REMAINS TO BE FULFILLED.

A TASK SONIC ALONE CAN ACCOMPLISH!

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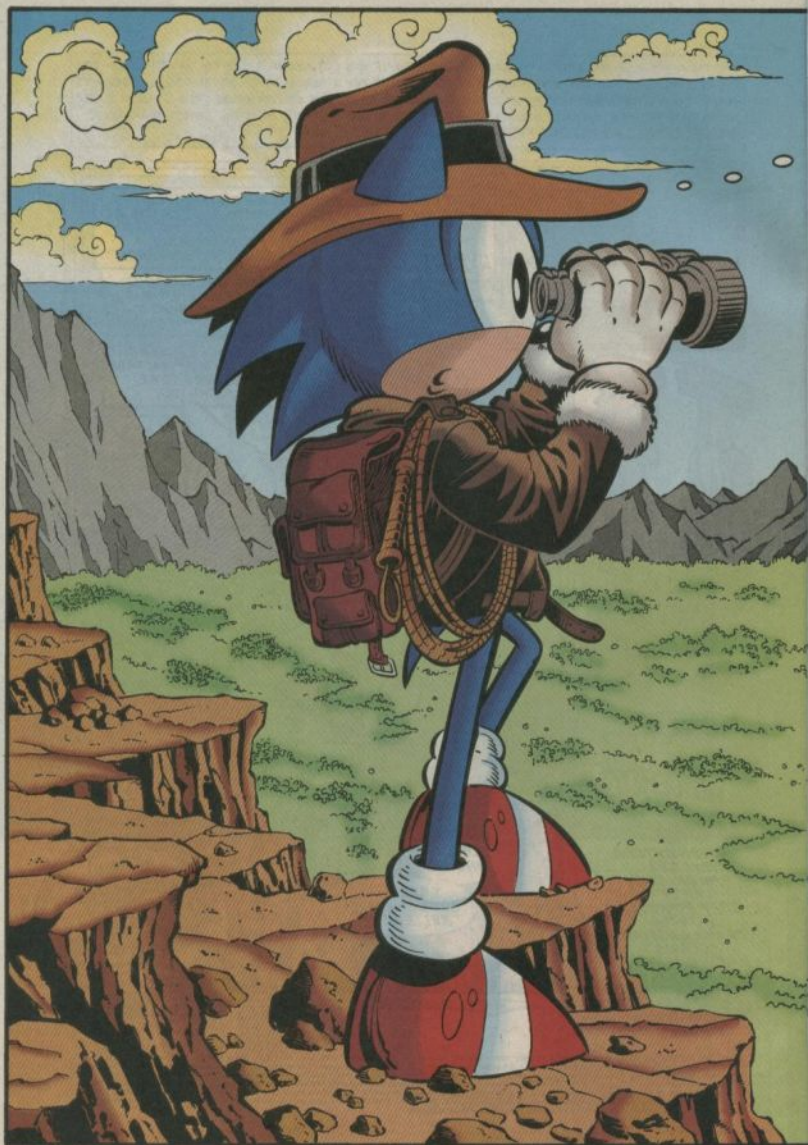
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LIKE
WHOAH.

I SEE IT--
BUT I CAN HARDLY
BELIEVE IT!



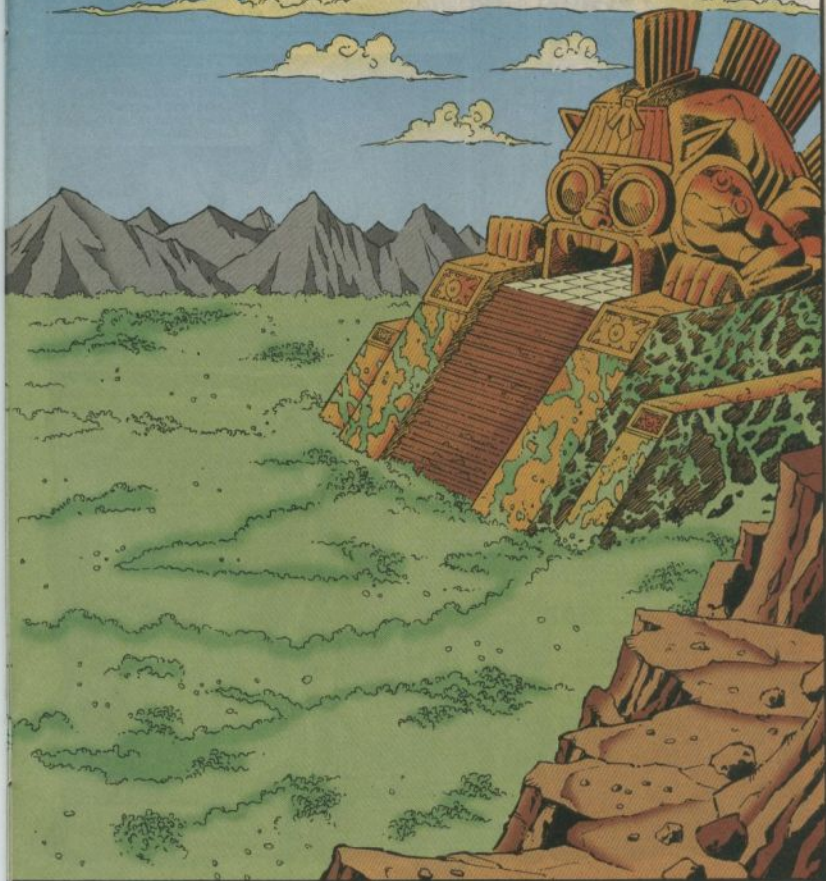
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IT'S THERE-- JUST LIKE
NATE MORGAN TOLD ME! THE
LOST TEMPLE OF SHAZAMAZON
--TUCKED AWAY IN THE MIDDLE O'
THE GREAT RAINFOREST!

WHO WOULD'VE EVER
THOUGHT A PLACE LIKE THIS
COULD'VE GOTTEN BY
WITHOUT OL' ROBTTNIK EVER
MUCKIN' IT UP WITH HIS FOUL
FOSSIL-FUELED FACTORIES?

GUESS I GOT SO USED
TO HIS POLLNTED PORT CITY,
ROBOTROPOLIS, I FORGOT
THAT A PARADISE AS CLEAN
AS THIS COULD EVEN EXIST!





THE SCENERY'S HAPPENING IN A WAY PAST COOL WAY, BUT FOR NOW I'D BETTER TWICE ON OVER TO THE TEMPLE AND SIGHTSEE LATER!

TRIPLE-S SPIN!



TAILS AND I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE THIS PART O' THE PLANET WHEN WE LEFT MOBOTROPOLIS TO FIND IXIS NAUGHS!

THERE WAS NO WAY ON MOBINS WE COULD'VE PREDICTED HALFO' WHAT'S GONE DOWN SINCE!

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #57--Geographical Justin



"I HAD TO HAND IT IXIS-- FOR AN EVIL WIZARD BENT ON TAKIN' OVER EVERYTHING, HE SURE KNEW HOW TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE!"



WE HADN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR O' HIM UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA-- THE BOTTOM O' THE WORLD!"

"MATTER O' FACT, WE HADN'T SEEN ANY OVERLANDERS" SINCE ROBUTTHIK BIT THE BIG ONE AND WE SENT HIS ASSISTANT, SNIVELY, OFF TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GWLAG..."

*Humans
**Back in Ish# 50-JF6.

"...BUT NATE MORGAN WASN'T LIKE ANY OVERLANDER I EVER MET! HE WAS THE CREATOR OF ALL THE POWER RINGS" ON THE GLOBE!

"OH, HE SURE TALKED A GOOD TALK WHEN HE SAID HE ONLY CARED ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS OWN 'OWN' BEING HIS BEST FRIEND EDDY THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT!"



*Power rings are the only clean-air energy source on Mobius. -JF6



"...AND YET HE STILL THREW IN WITH ME AND TAILS WHEN IT CAME TO FIGHTIN' IXIS, WHO PLANNED ON USING THE ENERGY FROM NATE'S POWER RING VAULT TO OPEN THE ZONE OF SILENCE--"

"--AN ALTERNATE REALITY IN WHICH HE HAD UNLIMITED POWER!"



"AS IT SO HAPPENS--
ME, IXIS, AND TAILS
WOUND UP ABSORBING
THE POWER FROM
OF NATE'S RINGS--

"--AND THOUGH WE DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT, WE
WERE MIRACULOUSLY TRANSFORMED INTO SUPED-UP
VERSIONS OF OURSELVES! WHAT'S STRANGE IS I
REMEMBER BEING SUPER SONIC, BUT NOT THIS TIME.
ACCORDING TO NATE, I BECAME ULTRA-SONIC
AND TAILS WAS NOW HYPER-TAILS!

"IXIS...WELL,
HE JUST
BECAME A
BIGGER,
BADDER,
JERK!



"IT TOOK OUR COMBINED
TALENTS TO SEAL THE
ZONE, AND IXIS WITHIN IT!
WE HAD WON...



"THE FORCE OF THE RIFT
CLOSIN' UP CAUSED A TITANIC
AVALANCHE-- THE ROOF OF
NATE'S CASTLE CAVED IN
ABOVE US. WE WOULD'VE
BEEN GONERS...

"...SO WHY DID WHAT
HAPPENED NEXT
HAVE TO HAPPEN
AT ALL?



"...IF NOT FOR EDDY, HE
BOUGHT US ENOUGH TIME
TO GET OUT, BUT-- BUT--

"--BUT--



"--HE DIDN'T
MAKE IT."

*Essentially, a condensed version
of ish # 64-66.-JFG



"WE LOST A
FRIEND AND
GAINED ONE
AT THE SAME
TIME..."

"... 'CAUSE AFTER THAT, NATE DECIDED TO
COME HOME WITH US TO MODIFY MOBOTROPOLIS'
POWER-SOURCES TO RING TECHNOLOGY."

PROBLEM IS, THE
TEMPORARY RING THAT'S
BEEN FLYING MY BI-PLANE
IS SO LOW ON ENERGY.
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT BACK
UNLESS I GO--



--INSIDE!



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT NATE WAS
WARNING ME
ABOUT--AND I
CAN'T FIGURE
FOR THE LIFE O'
ME WHY TAILS
WAS TELLIN' ME
TO BE CAREFUL.

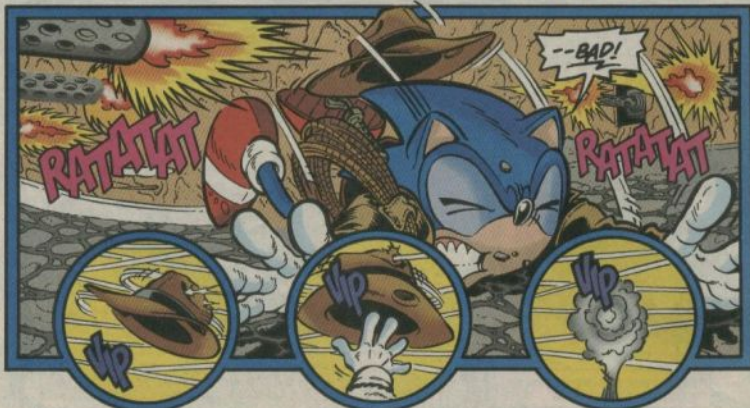
I KEPT TELLIN'
'EM IT'D BE A CAKE-
WALK! THIS TEMPLE
AIN'T SO--



RATATAT

--BAD!

RATATAT



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SPACE.

IT'S WHERE YOU'LL
FIND PLANET MOBIUS
SPINNING ENDLESSLY
IN ITS COMPLEX ORBIT.

ON THE SURFACE, SONIC'S
SNEAKERS HAVE JUST
CAUGHT FIRE. HIS
DILEMMA, HOWEVER, CAN-
NOT BE SEEN FROM THIS
FAR POINT

DON'T WORRY,
THOUGH.

THIS IS
SPACE...

...AND THOUGH
UNSEEN FROM
BELOW, THINGS
ARE HAPPENING
UP HERE, TOO!

T-SAT
UNIT
BACK
ON-LINE...

--AND
COMMENCING
SYSTEM
LOCATION OF
TARGET.

TARGET
ACQUIRED--
SYSTEM
LOCKED--
AND
BEGINNING
ACTIVATION
--

"--NOW!"







THAT WAS
NO CIRCULAR
CHAMBER! IT
WAS A SLEEPIN'
MUTATE!

DEFINITELY ONE
OF THE MONSTERS NATE
SPOKE OF-- CREATED OUT
OF THE FORGOTTEN WARS
OF MOBIUS' PAST!

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NO TIME TO
WORRY ABOUT
WHERE IT CAME
FROM, 'HOG...



...ONLY WHAT
IT'S ABOUT TO DO THIS
VERY SECOND!





KNOW YOUR HEROES!

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BY: PAUL CASTIGLIA, STEVEN BUTLER & JIM AMASH

ON A SUNNY AFTERNOON, BARRY AND SASHA ENJOY THEIR FAVORITE COMIC BOOKS.



JOHN DICKERING WAS A TOP SCIENTIST, EXPERIMENTING WITH AN ELIXIR THAT GRANTED HIM SPECIAL POWERS! HIS EYES BECAME LASER BEAMS...



...AND HIS BODY COULD BECOME LIGHTER THAN AIR, ENABLING HIM TO FLY TO AMAZING HEIGHTS!



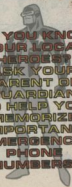
ISN'T HE THE COOLEST, SIS? HE WENT ON TO USE HIS POWERS TO FIGHT ALL KINDS OF BAD GUYS. I WISH I HAD AN ELIXIR THAT COULD TURN ME INTO A HERO!



AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, THE COMET WAS PATROLLING THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM ABOVE, AND SPOTTED DOWN TO SAVE THE CHILDREN FROM THE PREDATORS!



DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOCAL HEROES? ASK YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO HELP YOU MEMORIZE IMPORTANT EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS!





FWAASH



WHAT'S WITH THIS
RING OF ACORNS, ANY-
WAY? WHY AREN'T WE
HALFWAY TO MOBOTROP-
OLIS BY NOW?

JUST
MAKE A
WISH!

A WISH? WELL,
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF
THIS JUNGLE ADVENTURE!
NOW I WISH IT WERE--

The End

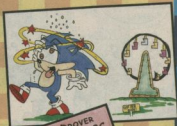
"--AND OVER
WITH!"

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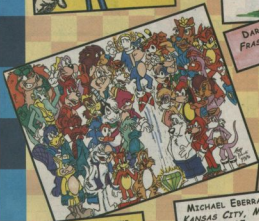
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LUPE WOLF-PACK

PART I

IT DOESN'T
TAKE LONG FOR
BAD NEWS TO
TRAVEL AROUND
HERE, LUPE!

SURE I CAN'T
TALK YOU OUT OF
LEAVING?

GUESS YOU
HEARD, HUH,
PRINCESS?

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SHADOWS IN THE DARK

I'M AFRAID
NOT
PRINCESS!

PLAIN AND SIMPLE,
MOBOTROPOLIS
WAS NEVER HOME
TO OUR KIND!

IT
COULD BE,
LUPE--

--IF YOU
WANT IT
SO!

YOU AND THE
PACK ARE MORE
THAN WELCOME!

PERHAPS--

--BUT IT
HAS BEEN
LONG--

--SO VERY
LONG--

--SINCE WE
LAST SAW OUR
LOVED
ONES!

IF LEETA AND LYCO FOUND
US HERE, THEN THERE MUST BE
OTHER WOLVES OUT THERE,
TOO!

I'M
SORRY!

I WAS
THOUGHTLESS!

THERE'S
LUPE!

AT
LAST!

MY PEOPLE ARE
NOT KNOWN FOR BEING
OPEN WITH OUTSIDERS,
PRINCESS!

WITH A COMMON
ENEMY* THREATENING EVERY-
ONE'S INTERESTS, WE SIMPLY
FELT IT WOULD BE BEST TO
ALIGN OURSELVES WITH
YOUR CAUSE!*

*She means
Robotnik,
of course.
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IT'S GETTING
A BIT BRISK,
LUPE!

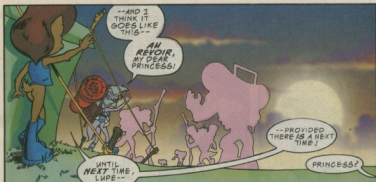
WE BETTER
MOVE FAST IF
WE HOPE TO
GET FAR!

POINT TAKEN,
REYNARD!

ALRIGHT EVERY-
ONE, GET READY TO
MOVE OUT AT
DOUBLE QUICK
TIME!

FAREWELL, LUPE!
I WISH YOU AND THE
PACK A SAFE
JOURNEY!

YOUR
COMRADE
ANTOINE
HAS A
SAYING--



TO THEM
IT'S HOME,
PIABLO!

IT'S WHERE
THEY ENJOYED
THEIR HAPPIEST
MOMENTS--

"...AS I ENJOYED
LIFE WITH MY BE-
LOVED LOBO AND
OUR CUBS IN THE
GREAT CANYON
UNTIL--

THE GREAT
WAR IS ALMOST
UPON US, LUPE!

YOU MUST TAKE
THE CHILDREN TO
SAFETY, LOBO!

"WE DREW LOTS OVER WHO
WOULD FIGHT AND WHO
WOULD PROTECT THE
PACK'S CUBS FROM HARM!

"THROUGH THE LUCK OF THE DRAW,
I LED SOME OF THE PACK INTO BATTLE,
WHILE LOBO AND THE REMAINING PACK
SOUGHT SHELTER FOR THE CUBS.

"WE THOUGHT WE WERE
ALONE FACING A GREAT
ADVERSARY, UNTIL ONE DAY
WE DISCOVERED STRANGERS
ENTERING OUR NALLOVED
GROUNDS...

HEY!
WHY ARE YOU
FOLLOWING
US, PAL?

YOU
TRESPASS
ON OUR
LAND!

"UPON REYNARD
BRINGING THEM TO
ME, I SOON LEARNED
PRINCESS SALLY
WAS EVERY BIT AS
TOUGH AS VULNER-
ABLE AS SHE LOOKED."



AN ALLIANCE
WAS FORGED AND
HAS REMAINED
STEADFAST EVER
SINCE.

WITH THE WAR
OVER, I NOW LONG
FOR HOME AND
FAMILY!

AS DO
WE ALL,
LUPE!



TAKE
HEART,
CANUS!

IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF DAYS
BEFORE WE RETOIN
THE PACK!



HOLD! I DON'T REMEMBER
A RIVER OF SUCH
MAGNITUDE CUTTING
ACROSS OUR PATH FROM
THE GREAT CANYON!

NOR DO I,
BUT IT'S THERE
NOW!



FORTUNATELY FOR
US, I STILL HAVE MY
RAFT!

THIS
SHOULD SEE
US ACROSS
BEFORE IT
BECOMES
IMPOSSIBLE
TO NAVIGATE
THE WATERS!



EVERYONE
IN!

LET'S HOPE
THE RIVER FLOW
DOESN'T GET ANY
STRONGER WHILE
WE SAIL!

WE MUST BE FURTHER
NORTH FROM WHERE WE
SHOULD BE. NONE OF
THIS LOOKS FAMILIAR!

NOT NECESSARILY,
THOUGH WE HAVE
TRAVELLED FAR, THE
BREADTH OF MOBIVS
IS GREATER BEYOND
OUR EXPERIENCE!

CANUS IS RIGHT!
NATURE HAS BEEN ACTING
QUITE UNPREDICABLE
OF LATE WITH ALL THE
RECENT STORMS!

WHO KNOWS
WHAT HAS RESULTED
FROM NATURE'S
FURY?

WE MAY FIND OUT
SOON ENOUGH! THE
RAINS ARE BEGINNING
TO FALL!

LUPE, THE
CURRENTS ARE
GETTING HARDER
FOR US TO ROW!

KEEP GOING,
DIABLO! WE CAN'T
STOP NOW!

HOLD TIGHT,
EVERYONE!

WE'RE ALMOST
THERE TO THE OTHER
SIDE!

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL By Gallagher and Manak

THIS JUST IN!

What's doin', Sonic-Fans? It's your editor Justin Freddy Gabriele coming at'cha (but you can call me J.F. for simplicity's sake)! I'm here to tell you about all the little changes in this issue of Sonic The Hedgehog. Those changes are here to stay and have infected both Knuckles The Echidna (starting with #22) and Sonic Super Special (starting with #8). All of them will sport their individual head icons underneath the price box on the covers. This will help you by giving the Sonic comics an overall identity different from all the other books on the market today.

These issues are each debuting a new letters page with Off Panel, a comic strip by Sonic veterans Michael Gallagher and Dave Manak. It'll be sure to tickle your funny bone every month. From time to time, we will sport a 'Letter of the Month' so if you want to be singled out, write about a specific story (or stories) that really "grabbed" you, good or bad. Also, check out the new Fan Art header by Jim Valentino. And just so you know, Pro Art and Find Your Name In Print will continue to be regular features as well. We're excited about all the cosmetic changes on the book and we hope it will make it that much more enjoyable for you to read.

Catch you on the flip side!

P.S.: For the first time in America, a video game convention is hitting the main stream! SegaCon - the Sega fan Convention will be the largest and best video game gathering the US has ever experienced. On December 5 & 6, 1998, Sega fans from all over the country will convene at Wilmington, North Carolina to celebrate the Japanese premiere of Sega's Dreamcast system with its new 3-D action game 'Sonic Adventure,' as well as the other great games and systems Sega has produced. For more information, check out their website- <http://www.segacon.com>

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I'M GOING
TO PUT YOUR
LIGHTS OUT,
HEDGEHOG!

ROBOTNIK'S COMING!
WATCH HOW FAST I
VACATE THIS LIGHTHOUSE!

Whooooogah...
I FORGOT ABOUT THE
SPIRAL STAIRS!

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